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A.—In the case of trunk roads the Government have prescribed a width of 46 to 64 feet between the side drains. In the darkhast rules (Board's Standing Order No. 15) it is laid down that where a road runs through the land darkhasted for, a width of at least one chain should be set apart for the road. The Government have no further information.

Annual income to the Bandar taluk board and formation of pits by the side of public roads.

318 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: With reference to the answers to my questions Nos. 2 and 263 put by me at the meeting of the Council held in September, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to call for the information required and to publish the same?

A.—The hon. Member can obtain the information from the local bodies responsible.

Receipts from tolls on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road.

319 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount realised by the Masulipatam municipality on all its toll-gates during the last year and the current year;

(*b*) the amount realised from the toll-gate placed on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road during the said period; and

(*c*) the amount, if any, paid by the Masulipatam municipality during the last two years out of the receipts of the said toll-gate either to the Bandar taluk board or to the district board?

A.—(*a*) The total gross toll income of the Masulipatam municipality in 1921–22 was Rs. 13,511. The council expects an income of Rs. 21,000 in 1922–23.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information. The municipal council contributes to the district board 25 per cent of its net income from tolls from all the toll-gates.

Toll-gate on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road.

320 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is only one toll-gate on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road running over 20 miles, which is located in the municipal limits of Masulipatam and the receipts of which are always appropriated by the said municipality?

A.—There is no toll-gate on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road outside the limits of the Masulipatam municipality. The Masulipatam municipal council contributes to the Kistna district board one-fourth of its net income from all its toll-gates.

The municipality of Masulipatam.

321 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the district board of Kistna or the taluk board of Bandar have ever made any proposal